

# **Autism Council Meeting**

## **October 12, 2012**

### **I. Call to Order (8:10 by Colleen Allen)**

**A. Roll Call/Introductions** Present: Colleen Allen (Chairperson) Mary Chaliman, Kimberly Gaedeke, Elizabeth Knisely, Joanne Winkelman, Michael Caine, Anthony Ianni, Amy Matthews, R. Wayne Fuqua, Dr. Jane Turner (by phone)

Guests: Jenell Leonard (Office of the Lt. Governor), Sheri Falvay (Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and Lori Irish (MDCH), Vendella Collins, Tedra Jackson.

### **B. Approval of Agenda for October 2012**

Motion was made by Wayne Fuqua, and supported by Michael Caine to approve the agenda. Motion was carried.

### **II. Minutes**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes for October 2012 Meeting**

Motion was made by Wayne Fuqua, and supported by Michael Caine to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

### **III. Presentations/Reports**

#### **A. DCH Open Meetings Act: Update (Liz Knisely)**

1. Liz Knisely – Open Meetings Act does not apply to the Autism Council. As an EO Council does not have to adhere to this Act. However recommended that we be transparent.

#### **B. Council discussion regarding meeting structure/access to public**

1. Joanne Winkelman – Keep open and don't hide things from the public.
2. Liz Knisely – Include a comment section for the public.

#### **C. Update on Ad Hoc Review of MDE Requested Changes**

1. Amy Matthews - Met a week after last Council meeting, Joanne Winkelman took edits back to MDE and had additional edits. Wanted to review one more time and have DCH also review one more time, will be ready soon and will need a signature page once finished.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Priority Recommendations Document Review (Amy)**

##### **1. Discuss Initial Priorities**

- Amy Matthews - OH -Cali center in OHIO - very neutral resource center. Need folks to look at what information we need to be a navigator for families, what is already out there and finding links, a navigation system connecting to what already exists. RCN was created through START have 17 in the state, have every ISD involved in the state. Potential to expand RCN to include other folks.
- Colleen Allen - Include CMH's to provide regional resources.

## **2 Discuss Workgroups**

- Amy Matthews - 3 Workgroups: Creating virtual center, Best practice guidelines, and Data system. Fill in any of the other boxes of partner agencies, resources, etc. Who do you think would be good for the subcommittees. Pull out priorities and create timeline.
- Colleen Allen - How are we documenting the progress, what is the feedback loop to the recommendations
- Joanne Winkelman - Activities, when started, when proposed. Need to provide deadlines, 2 years out because some of the members are only on for 2 years.

## **3. Complete resource sections (individually and discuss as a group)**

### **A. Subcommittee Nomination (Colleen)**

#### **1. List currently started of those interested**

#### **2. Define process—discuss ad hoc committee to devise and make recommendation**

- Colleen Allen - Subcommittee nominations. Create small ad-hoc committee? - 3 members who could create process (Stacie, Mary and Kim). Need to discuss how to handle denials. Focus Group Subcommittees and Priority Groups: Website, Best Practices, Clinical Guidelines.

### **B. Update on DD Council Discussion**

1. Vendella Collins – Provided an update on the DDC (Developmental Disability Council). Federally funded, have a number of workgroups. Solicit input from community and bring back to the council, focus on self-determination. 7 goals in 5 year state plan: leadership, self-determination, information on support services, community education, community inclusion, public advocacy.

### **C. Diagnostic Work Group Recommendations**

1. Colleen Allen - Send to the group for group to review and vote on it for November meeting. Post on site and provide to Director of DCH.
2. Amy Matthews - HRSA funds, start writing grant - recommended an ad hoc committee - CCA grant write, Amy, Wayne, Joanne, Liz (will appoint someone from DCH).

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. Council Work**

#### **1. Website Development status**

- Colleen Allen – Working on website, which will be created once the Autism Coordinator is hired.

#### **2. Interest/Expertise of Council Members: to assist with decision making around group assignments and priorities)**

- Colleen Allen - Provide bios to Colleen. Email to Amy any suggestions on partner agencies and organizations and existing resources. Have lots of parent and community organizations/partners there could be good potential partnerships for this group and with – DDC.

### **B. BCBA Licensure Update (Wayne)**

- Wayne Fuqua – Setting up time with Kim and others to go over changes to the draft language on BCBA licensing.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **A. None at this time**

## **VII. Communication from the Public (5 Minutes per Person)**

## **VIII. Communication from Council Members**

### **IX. Meeting Dates for Nov, Dec, and 2013**

- Next Meeting: Monday, November 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, DCH Cass Bldg.

### **X. Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 10:12 am.